

City of Hayward
Human Services Commission Meeting
777 B Street, Hayward CA 94541
Work Session Room 2A

Wednesday, May 4, 2005
7:00 pm
Regular Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Secretary's Roll Call
- IV. Public Comments (*NOTE: The Public Comments section provides an opportunity to address the Human Services Commission on items not listed on the agenda. The Commission welcomes your comments and requests that speakers present their remarks in a respectful manner, within established time limits, and focus on issues which directly affect the City or are within the jurisdiction of the City. As the Commission is prohibited by State law from discussing items not listed on the agenda, your item will be taken into consideration, and may be referred to staff. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.*)
- V. Approval of April 6, 2005 Human Services Commission Meeting Summary Notes
- VI. Report from the Social Services Funding Committee
- VII. Discussion re: the Human Services Commission's Role and Function /Annual Plan
- VIII. Presentation: Paratransit Service Systems in Alameda County
- IX. Staff Reports (non-action items)
 - A. Social Services Report
 - B. Paratransit Report
 - C. Hate Crimes Report
- X. Future Agenda Items:
 - Annual Dinner Meeting – Commission Officer Elections (June)
 - Discussion re: County-wide Campaign to Support Tolerance and Oppose Hate (July)
 - Establishment of the FY 2005-06 Liaison Report Schedule (July)
 - Hate Crimes Presentation by the Hayward Police Department (July)

XI. General Announcements

XII. Adjournment



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**City of Hayward
Human Services Commission
April 6, 2005
Regular Meeting
Summary Notes**

- I. Call to Order:** Chairperson Turner convened the Commission meeting at 7:08 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Attendance:** *(Record of attendance is kept from June 2004 through May 2005.)*

Commissioners	Present This Meeting	All Meetings Year to Date		Regular Meetings Only Year to Date	
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Lori Baptista *	X	6	0	6	0
Mariellen Faria	X	9	1	9	1
Albert Hui **	X	8	1	8	1
Lynnette Linnen (Vice-Chair)	O	9	1	9	0
Elisa Marquez *	X	6	0	6	0
David McKeown**	X	9	0	9	0
Chris Parker	X	8	2	8	2
Marlo Simmons *	X	6	0	6	0
Hosea Turner (Chair)	X	9	1	9	1
Marlena Uhrik** (Secretary)	X	7	2	7	2
Doris Yates	X	10	0	10	0

* Term began at the November 2004 meeting.

** Term began at the July 2004 meeting.

Staff in Attendance: David Korth, Social Services Planning Manager

No guests were in attendance.

- IV. Public Comments:** David Korth announced that the City, in co-sponsorship with the Hayward Area Park and Recreation District, the Hayward Unified School District and many local nonprofit community service organizations, will be hosting a Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, in front of City Hall in memory of the many Hayward teens who lost their lives over the recent months - many of which were victims of people driving under the influence. In addition to supporting the families of those teens who lost their lives, this event is intended to increase awareness on the part of teens and adults about substance abuse and taking responsibility for one's actions, as well as an effort to encourage teens and adults to work together to prevent future tragedies of this nature. The event is being planned and conducted by local teens, most of whom are active in La Familia Counseling Center's teen leadership program - Hijos de Sol. All the commissioners were invited to attend the event.

V. Approval of the March 2, 2005 Human Services Commission (HSC) Meeting Summary

Notes: Commissioner Yates made a motion to approve the March 2, 2005 Summary Notes. Commissioner McKeown seconded the motion, which was approved by all but one vote; Commissioner Hui abstained because he was not present at that meeting.

VI. Review / Debrief of the FY 2005-06 Social Services Funding Process / Next Steps: Staff provided an overview of the next steps of the Social Services Funding Process. The City Council will be presented both the Commission's and staff's funding recommendations at the Council Work Session scheduled for May 3, 2005; the specific time of this meeting will be available to the public no later than Friday, April 29th. Then, the City Council will hold its Social Services Funding Public Hearing on May 10, 2005, at 8:00 p.m., at which time final funding decisions will be made.

The members of the Commission then discussed the funding process. Much of the discussion revolved around the current policies of the City with regard to funding continuing vs. new social service projects; the pros and cons of requiring vs. encouraging applicants to collaborate with one another; and methods for streamlining the application review process while at the same time maximizing the opportunity for applicants to clearly convey what and how they propose to utilize requested City funds. A particular concern shared by all the Commissioners was that the appeals process seemed to be too rushed; the Commissioners felt that they did not have enough time to consider the appeals that were made, and make sound decisions based upon those appeals. Considering the points covered during this discussion, the following recommendations were formally made by the Commission:

- A) The maximum that applicants can apply for should be \$20,000 for any given project. This is to discourage applicants from becoming dependent on City funding, as well as to encourage more applicants to seek support for projects from the City that meet new and emerging community needs.
- B) A special meeting, separate from the Commission's regularly scheduled meetings, should be scheduled (as needed) for the Appeals Hearing portion of the application review process. This is so that Commissioners can have more time to consider any appeals made by applicants before determining final funding recommendations.
- C) When establishing its Preliminary Funding Recommendations, the Commission should recommend the allocation of no more than 90% of the available funds, reserving the allocation of the remaining 10% during the development of the Commission's Final Funding Recommendations while taking into consideration any applicant appeals that might be made.

- VII. Discussion: Funding of Social Services in Hayward:** An overview of the City's current policy regarding Social Services funding was provided. In summary, 75% of 1% of the City's General Fund is used to support social services that benefit Hayward residents. Of that amount, a minimum of \$350,000 (Category A Funds) is used to support a broad range of services. Any additional funds that are available (Category B Funds) are used to support projects that the City Council considers to be of high priority. The Human Services Commission makes recommendations to City Council with regard to Category A funds only. Depending on the strength of the economy, the City Council may elect to adjust the amount of funding that is available from either category in any given year.

In response to questions from the Commission, it was noted that the amount of funds available in Category A has remained at the \$350,000 level over the past 15 years. This concerned many of the Commissioners in light of the fact that the value of the dollar has changed over that time, and that the number of projects supported by the City is almost double the amount that was supported 15 years ago (up from 12 to 23 per year). After much discussion, a motion was made (Simmons/McKeown) to recommend to City Council that the amount of social services funding provided by the City be increased. The motion passed with all but one yes vote; Commissioner Hui abstained.

Chairperson Turner then established a committee to further develop a recommendation for the City Council that specifies the amount of the recommended increase, the rationale for the recommendation, and the expected benefit to be derived from taking such action. Commissioners McKeown, Marquez, Uhrik, Parker and Simmons were appointed to the Committee with Commissioner Simmons serving as the Committee Chair. The Chair asked that the Committee prepare a presentation for the City Council's May 3rd Work Session.

- VIII. Proposed Slate of HSC Officers for FY 2005-06:** The Nominations Committee presented the following slate of Commission Officers for FY 2005-06:

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| A. Chair: | Commissioner David McKeown |
| B. Vice Chair: | Commissioner Elisa Marquez |
| C. Secretary: | Commissioner Lori Baptista |

All candidates agreed to serve as nominated if elected. The vote for Commission officers is scheduled to take place at the Commission's annual dinner meeting in June, at which time additional nominations may be made.

- IX. Proposed Site for the HSC Annual Dinner Meeting:** The Annual Dinner Meeting Committee recommended that the Commission hold its meeting at Neumanali's Restaurant on B Street in Hayward. The Commission voted unanimously to accept the Committee's recommendation.
- X. Annual Tour Itinerary:** In light of the fact that many of the Commissioners had scheduling conflicts, it was decided that the tour would be postponed until next fiscal year.

XI. Report on the March 10, 2005 Community Forum “Our Community: Who Belongs”:

Commissioner Baptista attended the Community Forum which was designed to increase awareness about the difficult time that many Muslim and Sikh residents have had in their community, particularly in the wake of the September 11th attacks on America and the war in Iraq. Strategies for addressing these issues were also discussed. The Keynote Speaker was California State Attorney General Bill Lockyer. Commissioner Baptista noted that because this event took place in southern Alameda County, the focus of discussion centered around the communities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. She recommended that the Hayward Human Services Commission consider working with other central Alameda County communities to conduct a similar forum.

XII. Staff Report: Due to the late hour, the staff report was postponed until the May meeting.

XIII. Future Agenda Items:

- Report from the Social Services Funding Committee (May)
- Human Services Commission - Role and Function / Annual Plan - (May)
- Presentation: Paratransit Service Systems in Alameda County - (May)
- Discussion re: County-wide Campaign to Support Tolerance and Oppose Hate (July)
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- Hate Crimes Presentation by HPD (July)

XIV. Announcements:

- Commissioner Baptista described a group called the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network whose goal is to impact upcoming legislation and the state budget as they pertain to, “California’s communities of color”. This group has developed a presentation called, Multicultural Health Legislative Agenda. Commissioner Baptista suggested that the Commission might be interested in learning more about this initiative.
- Commissioner Marquez suggested that Commissioners may also want to learn more about and possibly support the California Advanced Health Care Initiative.

XV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.